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IMPACT OF MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has commissioned any study on the impact of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) on migration and living condition in rural areas across different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to address these issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a)to(d): The Ministry of Rural Development has commissioned a number of studies to Professional Institutions including Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Managements (IIMs), Social Services Institutions and Agricultural Universities, etc to assess the Impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to study economic, social and environments impacts of the Act. One of the findings of the study of IIMs Shillong reveal that migration of people from rural to urban areas in search of employment has reduced to great extent. The findings of the PMGSY study conducted in select districts of 9 States concluded that there has been positive change in the economic status, increase in on-farm and non-farm employment, improvement in health and higher enrollment of children in schools etc.